

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-73. (Cancelled)

74. (New) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said fixing portion contains auxiliary

fixing means comprising holes bored into the fixing portion or straps attached to the fixing portion through which a rope or cord is threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion extends across part

of the width of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

75. (New) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded

to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein

said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said fixing portion contains auxiliary fixing means comprising holes bored into the fixing portion or straps attached to the fixing portion through which a rope or cord is threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion is at each end of

the width of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

76. (New) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said fixing portion contains auxiliary fixing means comprising holes bored into the fixing portion or straps attached to the fixing portion through which a rope or cord is threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion is in the middle portion of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

77. (New) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said auxiliary fixing means is provided

with straps through which a rope can be threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion is in the middle of

the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

78. (New) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein

said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said auxiliary fixing means is provided

with straps through which a rope can be threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion is at each end of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

79. (New) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion' wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said auxiliary fixing means is provided

with straps through which a rope can be threaded;

c. wherein the welding portion extends across part

of the width of the welding fabric; and

d. a second substrate to which said material is

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[Signature] fixed to said auxiliary fixing means.